



Blanche Nevile Secondary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Students,

I can't quite believe we are at the end of the academic year already. It has been a jam-packed term full of wonderful events such as the year 11 leavers' celebrations, the art show, coffee mornings, and transition days for new starters. This is in addition to all of the interactive lessons, trips, workshops and jubilee celebrations!

Amongst this we have all also faced the challenges brought by exams, strikes and – most recently - heatwaves!

I want to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. Everyone says that Blanche Nevile is like a family, and I have really felt that in my first term here. I will be sad to wave goodbye to the pupils and staff for the next academic year whilst on maternity leave. However, I am leaving the school in the safe hands of the new Interim Head, Martyn Rawlinson, and know that he will have the same warm welcome.

I am wishing you a safe and happy summer. Please remember that there is a safeguarding rota on the school website if anyone is in need of help whilst we are closed.

I look forward to seeing you all in summer 2023.

Helen Taylor, Headteacher

Mr Gathani writes:

ICT

I want to say a massive congratulations to all Year 10 and 11 for passing their Functional Skills exam this year.

All of the students have been a credit to themselves and behaved excellently in the exam. It has been fantastic to see that all of the students have taken these exams seriously and have really put the time and effort into their revision and exam preparations.

It has also been great that students have been proactive when they have been faced with issues around exams and have handled themselves in a mature and constructive manner to overcome their own individual barriers.

I hope this continues for the next academic year.

Well done!



Ms Daly & Ms Christian write:

Platinum Jubilee Celebration

On Friday 27th May we organised a House competition.

Each house had to make something Royal to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

The teams could only use newspaper, masking tape, fabric pens and bits of paper. This was a really environmentally friendly activity!

We were impressed with the team work, good communication skills, creativity and imagination used by all the teams.

Ms Willis's team were very happy and Ms Worthington's team was excellent in their communication skills. Mrs Demirci had the hard task to decide a winner and it went to **Helen Keller House** as the newspaper dress and train were amazing.

Well done to all the staff and students who made it a fantastic celebration of 70 years' service by Queen Elizabeth.

All students and staff got a souvenir medal of the queen's Platinum Jubilee



Mrs Antoniewicz writes:

Maths

This year all students have worked really hard in lessons and they have made good progress. I am proud of them all. I would particularly like to congratulate the following students for working so hard towards their ELC qualifications. I am sure they have passed, but the final results will come out in the summer holidays and I will let you all know how they did.

Year 11: Kameron, Manal, Asiya, Khadija, Latia

Year 9: Hussain and Samir

Well done also to William, Klaudia and Priya for working so hard and having such an excellent attitude in mainstream.

The summer holiday is an opportunity to really make sure you have **memorized your timetables!**

For some students it will be really helpful for them to have opportunities at work with money. Please try to look at the cost of things in the shops and work out the correct totals and change. You can always use a calculator!

Please keep encouraging your child to keep practicing their maths skills on our fantastic IXL website

Keep practicing on IXL on <https://www.ixl.com>



Have a fantastic summer!

Ms Donovan & Ms Daly write:

Science Museum Trip years 8 & 9

On Thursday 9th June Years 8 and 9 went on a trip to the Science Museum in South Kensington. It was a good experience to use public transport instead of a school bus.

We did a lot of steps that day too!

The students saw the rockets used in space exploration, aeroplanes and engines. We spent some time in a new gallery called 'Who am I?'



The students learnt a lot about human science, engineering and technology, and as we left we saw a real weaving machine

Mrs Demirci writes:

Humanities

This half term students in Years 10 and 11 have been studying Sikhism.

We have found out what happens inside a Gurdwara, and how Sikhs show respect for their Guru inside the building through their clothes and actions.



We also enjoyed handling some Sikh artefacts in the classroom, remembering to hold objects gently and treat them with respect.

Ms Willis writes:

English

Year 7 this half term students have been learning about different types of poetry using the theme Pirates. Students have completed unit awards for acrostic poetry and shape poetry. Students have enjoyed learning about similes and have used them in their own poetry. Well done Year 7!

In 8.9 English this term students have nearly completed their unit award on Investigating Macbeth. Students have enjoyed making their own power point quiz to ask each other. They have also contributed to a wall display about the play. Well done 8.9!

Year 10 recently sat their Functional Skills Exams in reading, writing and listening and speaking. Well done Year 10. Students have continued to work hard on their power point presentations about keeping healthy. All students will complete their unit award – Completing a Project about Healthy Lifestyles.

Year 10.11 have been learning how to be organised. Students have taken part in timed activities and discussed ways to keep themselves organised and on time before and after school. Students will complete Unit Awards 1 and 2 in time management skills.

Well done!



Mrs Christian writes:

Art & Design

We were extremely lucky to have the illustrator Tim Reedy come to school on Monday 4th July for a full day of art workshops! Every student in school, and also the year 6 BNS Primary pupils, was able to work with Tim and learn illustration techniques. We also learnt about the role of a Lipspeaker. It was a really fun day! We are very grateful to Liverpool Hope University for funding the workshop as part of their Anti-ableist pedagogy work.



<https://www.instagram.com/timreedy/?hl=en>

<https://www.lipspeaking.co.uk/>

Reminder

Please send your child into school with spare hearing aid batteries. Thank you.



Staff INSET days	Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2022 School closed to students
Students return to school	Monday 5th September 2022
Half Term Holiday	Monday 24th October 2022 to Friday 28th October 2022
Students return to school	Tuesday 1st November 2022

Important Dates

